

# Outdoor Learning Environments

## Resources (funding and materials)

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### Federal Funding Sources:

- Financing Childhood Obesity Prevention Programs: [www.financeproject.org/Publications/obesityprevention.pdf](http://www.financeproject.org/Publications/obesityprevention.pdf)
- USDHHS, Centers for Disease Control, Division of Nutrition and Physical Activity: [www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/sgr/npai.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/sgr/npai.htm)

### Foundation Funding Sources:

Name	Award	Timeline	Description
Allen Foundation <a href="http://www.allenfoundation.org">http://www.allenfoundation.org</a>	Past grants have ranged from \$2,000 to \$1 million.	Ongoing	The Allen Foundation supports educational nutrition programs, with priority given to training programs for children and young adults to improve their health and development. Eligibility: Schools and school districts should partner with local nonprofits to form nutrition education programs.
Bowerman Track Renovation Program <a href="http://www.nikebiz.com/responsibility/community_programs/bowerman_track_program/">http://www.nikebiz.com/responsibility/community_programs/bowerman_track_program/</a>	\$50,000	Ongoing	Sports equipment manufacturer Nike offers the Bowerman Track Renovation Program to provide matching cash grants to community-based, youth-oriented organizations that seek to refurbish or construct running tracks.
Captain Planet Foundation <a href="http://www.captainplanetfdn.org/grants.html">http://www.captainplanetfdn.org/grants.html</a>	\$2,500	June 30, Sept. 30, and Dec. 31	The Captain Planet Foundation funds hands-on environmental projects to encourage youth around the world to work individually and collectively to solve environmental problems in their neighborhoods and communities. Eligibility: Schools and non-profits.
CVS Pharmacy Community Grants <a href="http://info.cvscaremark.com/community/our-impact/community-grants">http://info.cvscaremark.com/community/our-impact/community-grants</a>	Varies	June 15 Annually	The CVS Pharmacy Charitable Trust is interested in public schools that are expanding programs promoting inclusion of children with physical disabilities in all aspects of school functions, including: Student Academic Activities; Extracurricular Programs; Physical Activity/Play. Eligibility: Public schools grades Pre-K through 12 .

Funding Factory <a href="http://www.fundingfactory.com">http://www.fundingfactory.com</a>	Varies	Ongoing	Funding Factory helps schools and nonprofit organizations unlock the power to fundraising success. The nation's largest free recycling fundraising program, Funding Factory offers FREE technology, sports and recreation equipment, playground systems and even cash in exchange for empty inkjet and laser cartridges and used cell phones.
General Mills Champions Youth Nutrition and Fitness Program <a href="http://www.generalmills.com/corporate/commitment/champions.aspx">http://www.generalmills.com/corporate/commitment/champions.aspx</a>	\$10,000	Applications available October, due Jan.	Grants to community groups for programs that improve the health and fitness of youth.
Nickelodeon "Let's Just Play" <a href="http://www.nick.com/all_nick/everything_nick/ljp_home07.jhtml">http://www.nick.com/all_nick/everything_nick/ljp_home07.jhtml</a>	\$5,000	Applications available early Sept.	the "Let's Just Play" Giveaway offers kids around the United States the opportunity to take action and enter for a chance to win \$5,000 to improve their school or community program's fitness resources.
Organic School Garden <a href="http://organicitsworthit.org/join/current-campaigns">Http://organicitsworthit.org/join/current-campaigns</a>	Varies	voting ends on May 1 <sup>st</sup> annually	School gardens that use organic methods are eligible to enter the Organic School Garden Awards Program.
Packing with PEAK (REI) <a href="http://www.lnt.org/programs/peak/PackingwithPEAKFund.htm">http://www.lnt.org/programs/peak/PackingwithPEAKFund.htm</a>	Materials	Open	The two offer a fund to help provide PEAK packs six fun, engaging, field-tested, standard-aligned outdoor learning activities for children ages 6 – 12 to needy organizations.
School and Youth Garden <a href="http://www.kidsgardening.com/grants.asp">http://www.kidsgardening.com/grants.asp</a>	Varies	Open	The National Gardening Association and Home Depot youth Garden Grant Program is awarding funds for child-centered plans that emphasize youth learning and working in an outdoor garden. Links to additional grants.
Healthier US School Challenge <a href="http://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/healthierus/index.html">http://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/healthierus/index.html</a>	Materials	Open	Recognizes excellence in nutrition and physical activity. Offers resources, training and technical assistance.